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BOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION

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1. MAJOR ITEM OF WORKING PARTY ON AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS
WHICH MET GENEVA JANUARY 11-14, 1977 WAS RECOMMENDATION
TO ADOPT "COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION
OF LONG-RANGE TRANSMISSION OF AIR POLLUTION IN EUROPE".
PROGRAM HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY TASK FORCE AS REPORTED REF. B
AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO SENIOR ADVISORS FOR APPROVAL
AT FEBRUARY 1977 SESSION.

2. PROGRAM AS ENDORSED CONSISTS OF FOUR BASIC COMPONENTS:
(A) SAMPLING AND MEASUREMENTS OF CHEMICAL AND METEOROLOGICAL
VARIABLES; (B) ACQUISITION OF EMISSION DATA BY PARTICIPATING
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COUNTRIES; (C) APPLICATION AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT
OF POLLUTANT TRANSMISSION MODELS AND (D) EVALUATION
OF DATA AND RESEARCH NEEDS. PROGRAM WILL INITIALLY DEAL
SOLELY WITH OXIDES OF SULFUR AND INCLUDES A PROTOCOL
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL SULFUR DIOXIDE EMISSION
INVENTORIES.

3. PARTICIPATION - AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FINLAND, GDR, FRG, HUNGARY, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND, PORTUGAL, SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND HAD EARLIER INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE WITH AT LEAST ONE AIR POLLUTANT MONITORING STATION. ALTHOUGH SOVIET UNION WAS ABSENT FROM NOVEMBER 1976 TASK FORCE MEETING, SOVIET DELEGATE STATED ON JANUARY 13 THAT HIS COUNTRY WILL PROVIDE THREE AIR MONITORING STATIONS ON WESTERN BORDERS AND HAS DESIGNATED INSTITUTE OF METEOROLOGY AS ORGANIZATION TO BE CONCERNED WITH PROGRAM. U.S. AND CANADA COMMENTED ON PROJECTS WITH SIMILAR OBJECTIVES IN NORTH AMERICA, SUPPORTED THE NEED FOR A EUROPEAN STUDY AND RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO ENSURE COMPATIBILITY AND COOPERATION BETWEEN NORTH AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PROGRAMS.

4. FINANCING - CHEMICAL AND METEOROLOGICAL DATA EVALUATION WILL REQUIRE UNEP FINANCING. UNEP REPRESENTATIVE (WALLEN) STATED THAT UNEP WILL NEED VERY SOON ESTIMATED COSTS FOR CHEMICAL ANALYSIS PORTION OF PROJECT WHICH IS PLANNED TO COVER LAST SIX MONTHS OF 1977 AND ALL OF 1978. WMO SHOULD SUBMIT TO UNEP BY LATE 1977 ESTIMATED COSTS FOR METEOROLOGICAL PORTION OF PROJECT WHICH ESTIMATED TO BEGIN JANUARY 1, 1978. UNEP REP. STRESSED THAT FIGURE OF 100-200 THOUSAND DOLLARS WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED FOR FUNDING OF CHEMICAL AND METEOROLOGICAL DATA ANALYSIS IS VERY TENTATIVE ESTIMATE. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT UNEP NEEDS THE FIRM REQUESTS INCLUDING FIGURES SO THAT NEGOTIATION ON UNEP FUNDING CAN BEGIN. ALTHOUGH UNEP WILL DEFINITELY PROVIDE SOME FUNDS, GLOBAL PROJECTS UNCLASSIFIED

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REMAIN HIGHEST PRIORITY WITHIN UNEP/GEMS BUDGET. PILOT PROJECTS AND REGIONAL PROJECTS SUCH AS ENVISIONED EUROPEAN PROGRAM WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL PROJECTS WARRANT FUNDING BUT AT LOWER PRIORITY. (COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT UNEP ANTICIPATES FUNDING REQUESTS AT LEVEL HIGHER THAN UNEP PREPARED TO GRANT. WALLEN'S COMMENTS SEEMED DESIGNED TO PREPARE GROUND FOR FUNDING NEGOTIATIONS.)

5. STEERING COMMITTEE - EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTRY WILL NAME ONE OR TWO DELEGATES TO STEERING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVE FROM UNEP, WMO AND ECE. STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND FOUR VICE-CHAIRMEN PLUS REPRESENTATIVES FROM UNEP, WMO AND ECE WILL FORM BUREAU. ECE AND UNEP WILL PROVIDE THE SECRETARIAT FOR STEERING COMMITTEE AND ITS BUREAU. U.S. DELEGATE INDICATED TENTATIVELY THAT U.S. MAY BE PREPARED PARTICIPATE IN STEERING COMMITTEE IN CONSULTANT STATUS. CATTO

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